



# Minnesota Ag News – Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers averaged 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork the week ending October 20, 2024, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest, fall tillage, and fertilizer applications continued. Livestock were doing well with no issues reported.

**Topsoil moisture** supplies were rated 31 percent very short, 42 percent short, 27 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 20 percent very short, 37 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

**Corn** was 98 percent mature. Corn harvested for grain reached 66 percent, 4 days ahead of last year and over a week ahead of the 5-year average, with moisture content averaging 16 percent.

**Soybean** harvest was coming to an end at 95 percent, 11 days ahead of last year and 2 weeks ahead of the five-year average.

**Potato** harvest was virtually complete at 97 percent and **sugarbeet** harvest reached 90 percent. **Sunflower** harvest was at 39 percent and condition was rated at 72 percent good to excellent.

## Crop Condition as of October 20, 2024

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range ...	10	17	37	33	3
Sunflowers .....	0	1	27	61	11

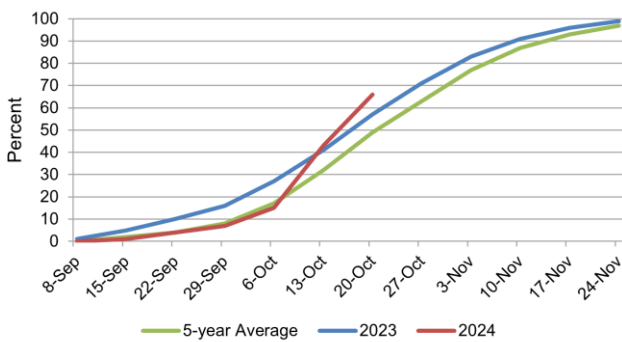
## Crop Progress as of October 20, 2024

Item	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn mature .....	98	94	99	97
Corn harvested for grain .....	66	43	57	49
Potatoes harvested .....	97	93	93	95
Soybeans harvested .....	95	88	85	81
Sugarbeets harvested .....	90	50	83	74
Sunflowers harvested .....	39	24	55	44

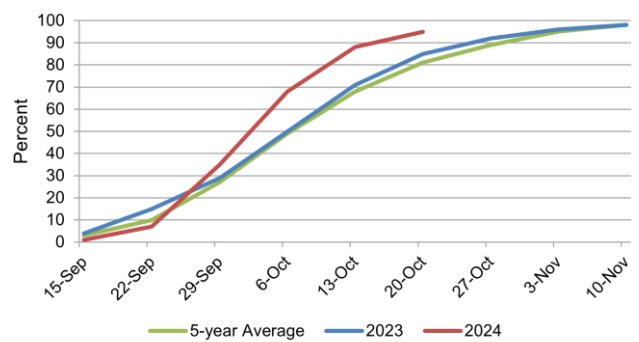
## Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of October 20, 2024

Item	This week	Last week	Last year
	(days)	(days)	(days)
Days suitable .....	6.6	6.7	5.4
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture			
Very short .....	31	26	11
Short .....	42	42	24
Adequate .....	27	32	62
Surplus .....	0	0	3
Subsoil moisture			
Very short .....	20	17	14
Short .....	37	34	43
Adequate .....	42	48	41
Surplus .....	1	1	2

Corn Harvested for Grain - Minnesota

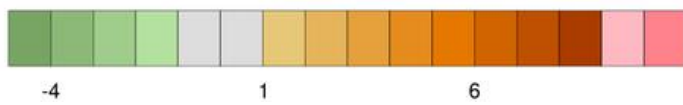
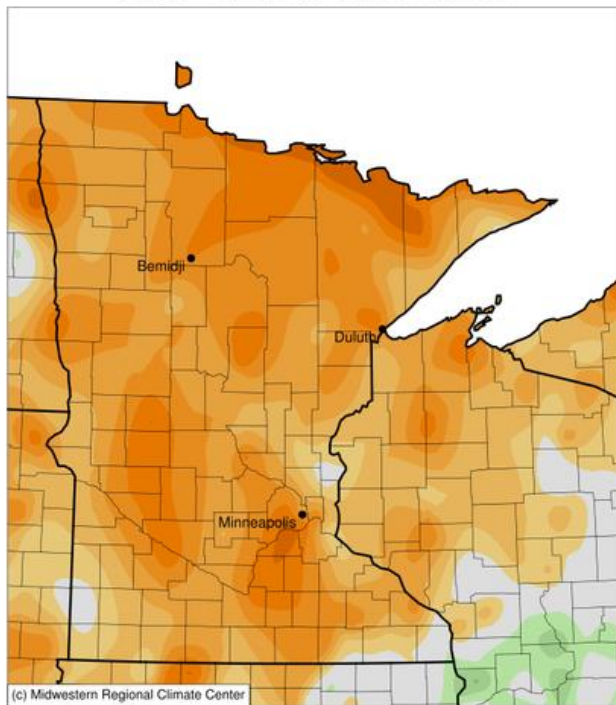


Soybeans Harvested - Minnesota

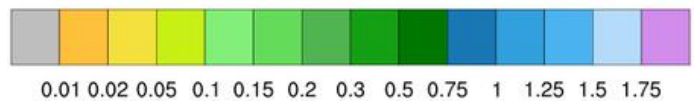
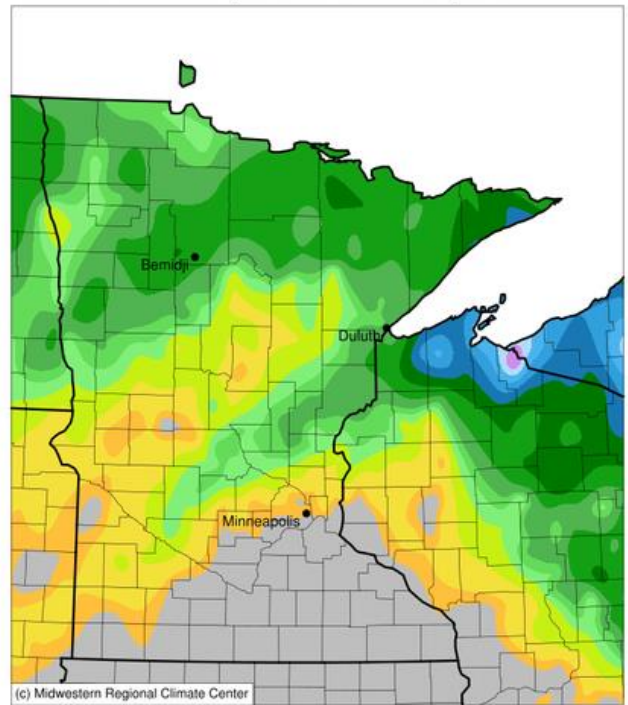


The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**  
October 14, 2024 to October 20, 2024



**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
October 14, 2024 to October 20, 2024



Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at:  
<https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/>